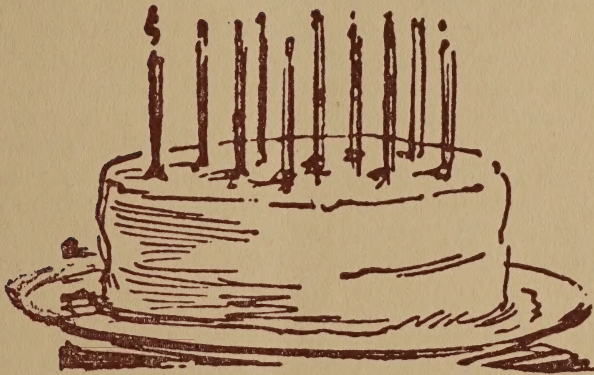


*The
Challenge of
the Birthday Candles*



and
PROGRAMS

based on

"FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN"

1936 — 1937

The Challenge of the Birthday Candles

AUGUSTA WALDEN COMSTOCK

Nine Characters: Watchman, Spirit of Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, 7 Evangels.

Costumes: This play can be given effectively without costuming, but costumes add impressiveness and charm. Therefore the following suggestions are given:

Watchman: A full gray robe of cotton voile. For girdle, a cord and tassels of gray or black. This should be tied in front, letting the long ends hang. On the head wear a band of silver ribbon with a tinsel star in front. Carry Bible in left arm.

Spirit of W.A.B.H.M.S.: A long, loose robe of orange voile. The girdle may be a band of the cloth or a cord and tassel. On the head wear a crown of gold paper or a Greek fillet of orange ribbon. Carry tall lighted candle.

Evangels: Loose robes—all made of white voile, but that of the Seventh might have its charm enhanced by sewing here and there on the garment small cloth or paper flowers. All should wear a Greek fillet, made of three bands of narrow white ribbon, around their heads.

Birthday Cake: It will add much to the atmosphere of the occasion to have a real or artificial Birthday Cake on a table at the front of the room. Six large lighted candles—representing the six past decades—will be placed in the center of the cake by the six EVANGELS, each at the end of her speech. As pledges or gifts are placed in the Birthday Box at the close of the program, each person present should light a small candle from the light of the SPIRIT OF W.A.B.H.M.S. and place it on the cake.

How To Make Artificial Cake:

A three-layer cake is most attractive and may be made with three circular boxes of different sizes. Cover tops and sides of boxes with plain white crepe paper that has been stretched by opening the roll and pulling it from both ends. Then crumple the paper, smooth it somewhat, and paste it on the sides and tops of the boxes. When dry, this covering makes an excellent imitation of cake icing. For the upper edge of each layer make a simple decoration by cutting two strips of crepe paper and folding each to about an inch in width. Place the ends of the strips together and let one person hold them securely while another folds one strip over the other to form small projections or points. Tiny rose candle-holders stuck around the edge of the lower layers will receive the small birthday candles. When all are lighted, the cake is really a thing of beauty.

Suggestion for the President: Knowing the financial possibilities and limitations of her group, the president can make a chart to hang in sight of all in room, with suggested goals for giving. Some of the following goals may be deleted if that seems advisable.

CHART

60th Anniversary Goals:

\$100.00 a decade.....	\$600.00
\$ 10.00 a decade.....	\$ 60.00
\$ 5.00 a decade.....	\$ 30.00
\$ 1.00 a decade.....	\$ 6.00
50 cents a decade.....	\$ 3.00
25 cents a decade.....	\$ 1.50
10 cents a decade.....	\$.60

These gifts count on your church quota.

Pledge Leaflet—"Candle-Power"

Distribute as widely as possible the pledge leaflet, "Candle-Power," and follow its directions for payment of gifts and pledges. These should be designated for the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, 152 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Pageant

("Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" is played softly on the piano as WATCHMAN enters and paces back and forth, occasionally pausing to shade her eyes as she looks out into the darkness. She keeps this up until first stanza is finished.)

Watchman: Dark, densely dark, was the night of ignorance, superstition, poverty, and helplessness that enveloped the Negroes after the Proclamation of their freedom went into effect on January 1, 1863. Bent old men, withered old women, strong young men and women looked into the future with fear and foreboding. Few, if any of them, ever heard these words of cheer and comfort spoken by the Psalmist, "Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee . . . the darkness and the light are both alike to thee." So they did not know that always within the shadow standeth God, keeping watch over his own. Nor did they know that all who are truly Christian are God's watchmen, noting human need and distress wherever it exists, and calling to their fellow Christians, with an insistence that cannot be denied:

"Loose the bands of wickedness and undo the heavy burdens,

Then shall the light break forth as the morning,

And the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward."

Christan women in the North heard and answered:

"In Him who bore the cross for us, we are willing to bear the crosses of others."

(To music of "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night", enter SPIRIT OF W.A.B. H.M.S., bearing a tall lighted candle, followed by 6 EVANGELS, walking in pairs. When well within sight of the audience, they pause.)

6 Evangelists (sing to Watchman):

"Watchman, tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are."

Watchman (sings in answer as she points far away):

"Travelers, o'er yon mountain-height,
See that glory, beaming star."

6 Evangelists (advance a step and sing):

"Watchman, does its beauteous ray
Aught of joy or hope foretell?"

Watchman:

"Travelers, yes; it brings the day,
Promised day of Israel."

6 Evangelists (advance a step and sing):

"Watchman, tell us of the night,
For the morning seems to dawn."

Watchman:

"Travelers, darkness takes its flight,
Doubt and terror are withdrawn."

6 Evangelists (advance a step and sing):

"Watchman, let thy wanderings cease;
Hie thee to thy quiet home."

Watchman:

"Travelers, lo, the Prince of Peace,
Lo, the Son of God is come."

(Music is repeated as WATCHMAN retires and SPIRIT OF W.A.B.H.M.S. takes her place in the center, facing audience. EVANGELS alternating, take places, three on each side of SPIRIT OF W.A.B.H.M.S.—facing audience.)

Spirit of W.A.B.H.M.S. (when music ceases): I am the Spirit of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society. My "candle goeth not out by night," for it is lighted with the light which Christ gave to the world. To my evangelists I give that Christlike courage, love, and sympathetic understanding which lights the world with heavenly beauty. With gratitude each will recount the accomplishments of the decade she represents, that we may recall what "great things the Lord hath done."

First Evangelist (lights her candle from that of SPIRIT OF W.A.B.H.M.S.):

"Thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness." I represent the First Decade of our work—1877-1887. In 1877 God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, illumined the spirit of many Baptist women in the North. Remembering that Jesus said to his followers, "Ye are the light of the world", they organized themselves into Home Mission Societies — a union of effort to banish the darkness of godlessness and despair from our land.

It was a decade of glorious beginnings: in missionary work among the Negroes, Indians, and Mormons; of beginnings among the Swedes, Germans, Danes, Norwegians, and Chinese who were coming by the hundreds from the Old World to our shores; of beginnings in the South in Mexico and in the North in Alaska; of beginnings of our Baptist Missionary Training School, of Mather, Spelman, and Bacone; of the beginnings of our magazines—"Tidings," "Home Mission Echo," and "Hope." Thus in this one decade the feet of many thousands were set upon that road which leads to the city where "the Lamb is its light and the races of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it." In gratitude for these ten radiant years, I place upon the cake this candle which commemorates our 60th Birthday.

(EVANGEL takes position at foot of her line.)

Second Evangel (*lights her candle from that of SPIRIT OF W.A.B.H.M.S.*):

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness." Inspired to the greatest endeavor by the splendid accomplishments of that First Decade, our Baptist women took for their slogan, "Christ in Every Home." Holding the work already begun, they enlarged its scope by setting up Fireside Schools for the Negroes; by pioneering among the Kiowa and Comanche Indians; by establishing the Kodiak Orphanage; and by beginning mission work among the Jews and Bohemians. In thanksgiving for this decade of maintenance of work begun, and of glorious adventure blessed of God, I place upon our cake my candle to commemorate the accomplishments of our Second Decade.

(EVANGEL takes position at foot of her line.)

Third Evangel (*lights her candle from that of SPIRIT OF W.A.B.H.M.S.*):

"In Him was life; and the life was the light of man." The efforts of the Third Decade proved how truly our Society believed these words, for with confident hearts they eagerly hastened to present Jesus and his way of life to Mexicans in the United States, to Syrians, Poles, Italians, Japanese, French, Slavs, and Finns. Work was begun also among the Hopi and the Crow Indians, and missionaries were sent to Puerto Rico and Cuba. In recognition of these brave adventures in sending the gospel to so many dark places of our land and to the adjacent islands, I place on our cake my candle as an emblem of the great light which the story of Jesus brought into scores of darkened lives.

(EVANGEL takes position at foot of her line.)

Fourth Evangel (*lights her candle from that of SPIRIT OF W.A.B.H.M.S.*):

"With Thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light." I represent those years from 1907-1917, the Fourth Decade in our history. Our vision of Home Mission work had become so broadened that these years became a period of interdenominational conferences and of denominational cooperation. Moving ever forward, work was begun among the Piutes and Mono Indians, and the Rumanians. Missionaries were appointed also to El Salvador and Nicaragua. Perhaps most far-reaching of all in hope for the coming years, the World Wide Guild and the Children's World Crusade were launched. In these fine organizations,

girls and children gain increasing knowledge of the work that challenges them to have a real part in sending out missionaries, teachers, doctors, and nurses to heal the spirits and bodies of those who do not know the Great Physician. To missionary-minded youth we can safely "hand the torch. Be theirs to hold it high!" In gratitude for the progress and extension of the work I add my candle to these on our cake, to commemorate the ten radiant years of the Fourth Decade.

(EVANGEL *takes position at foot of her line.*)

Fifth Evangel (*lights her candle from that of SPIRIT OF W.A.B.H.M.S.*):

"Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Although our Fifth Decade opened with the entrance of our country into the World War, the vision of our Society spurred women to carry on their program with gratifying results. New schools and Christian centers were opened, also a hospital in Puebla, and the Department of Christian Americanization was organized. An active campaign began in the year 1925 for a Golden Anniversary Fund of \$500,000, resulting in the accomplishment of that goal. This fund was used to strengthen our work, by repairing losses, replacing teachers and missionaries, and supplying adequate buildings for our Christian centers and for Kodiak Orphanage. With renewed hope we looked forward to making our ideal of "Christ in Every Home" a reality in the near future. To commemorate this radiant decade, I add my candle to our cake.

(EVANGEL *takes position at foot of her line.*)

Sixth Evangel (*lights her candle from that of SPIRIT OF W.A.B.H.M.S.*):

"Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill." Because of the golden results of our Golden Anniversary we looked forward with confidence to years of continued expansion of Kingdom work. Then came the great financial crash, and we found our Utopia had vanished in the clouds. As did business, so all Christian enterprises suffered from the decrease in value of securities—even the total loss of some of them. So protracted was the depression that, without new fields being entered, our debts for the maintenance of work mounted until we were forced to that heart-breaking task of dropping missionaries and closing stations here and there. One glimmer of light in our darkness came to us because a Baptist church felt the challenge of the soul-devastating situation of the godless community at Kodiak, into which boys and girls were thrust when they reached the age-limit of our orphanage. They sent a strong young pastor to Kodiak, where he has established a church and is carrying on to fuller fruition in these young people's lives, the good work begun in our Baptist Orphanage. And so I add my candle for this Sixth Decade, to those upon our cake, with the hope that the glorious past they represent will challenge every Baptist in our land. May we give so sacrificially that the story of this decade will yet go down in history as a mighty victory for our Lord over well-nigh hopeless conditions.

(EVANGEL *takes position at foot of her line.*)

(Enter SEVENTH EVANGEL.)

Seventh Evangel (*lights her candle from that of SPIRIT OF W.A.B.H.M.S.*):

I am the Evangel of the Future of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society. Do you hear a multitude of men, women and children calling piteously out of their darkness and despair, "Send us light!" Does this call reach your heart? Will you, in the name of Him whose you are and whom you are pledged to serve, do your utmost to grant their request?

For sixty years, say these candles, our Society has heroically striven to answer these calls. Is not that record a challenge to you? Will you carelessly allow to die the work so sacrificially carried on through three-score years by the noble women of the past? Can you do better with your money than to give it, as our Christ gave his life, for others?

"Thy dollars shall carry the gospel
Over our homeland from sea to sea;
Thy Banker has made thee a steward
Of that which he lendeth to thee."

Our Birthday Party would not be complete without giving everyone here, and those unable to be present today, an opportunity to have a part in it. All of us can give prayer and service in the work of our great Society. Many will want to express their love in gifts of money or pledges. Jesus still sits over against the treasury and commends only the gift of love and sacrifice. All of us can give generously, bearing in mind Paul's direction—"as God hath prospered" us.

As we sing the recessional hymn let us all—following the Evangel—come forward to put our love gifts in the Birthday Box; and having lighted our candles from the Spirit of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, place them upon the Birthday Cake. Every life, every gift consecrated to His will is a candle in the mighty searchlight of God's power.

Recessional: "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand"

(While hymn is being played and sung by entire audience, the following formation is made: WATCHMAN at head of line is followed by SPIRIT OF W.A.B. H.M.S. and SEVENTH EVANGEL, by the six EVANGELS in pairs, and by everyone in audience. With measured step the procession passes before the Cake and Birthday Box, and forms a circle around the room. Singing of the hymn should be continued until everyone is in place, then close with prayer.)

Around the Calendar with Our Centers

SALLY MANSON

Hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Leader (*reads Scripture*): John 15:12-16; Mark 10:13-16.

Prayer by Leader: "Stir us, O stir us, we care not how,
But stir our hearts in passion for the world,
Stir us to give, to go, but most to pray;
Stir till the blood-red banner be unfurled
O'er lands that still in deepest darkness lie,
O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.
Stir us, O stir us, Lord. Thy heart was stirred
By love's intensest fire, till Thou did'st give
Thine only Son, Thy best beloved One
Even to the dreadful cross, that we might live.
Stir us to give ourselves so back to Thee
That Thou can'st give Thyself again through us."

Leader: Today we shall take time in our hands, and travel the twelve months of the year, to visit our different Christian centers. In January we shall visit Bethel House in Campbell, Ohio, with a total enrolment of 3,200, representing 20 nationalities. January is the time for New Year's resolutions—listen to this one.

1st Woman: A family of four with an income of \$30 a month, attended church regularly. The missionary had never mentioned church envelopes to them, but one day the father said, "We want four church envelopes. The missionary replied, "Oh, that is too much. Take just one for the family and I know that Jesus will be happy. The father insisted upon the four, saying, "Everything we have belongs to Him, and we must pay Him back." What a fine resolution! Our friends in Bethel House have caught the spirit of sacrifice and we might well make this spirit our New Year's resolution.

Leader: February — the Birthday Month.

2nd Woman: February and famous birthdays are synonymous. This year we add to the celebrated birthdays of Washington and Lincoln, that of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society. As we look back on sixty radiant years, years of growth because of the self-denial and sacrifices of many, we may light one large candle on our birthday cake for the 30 active Christian centers of our Society.

Mention names of these centers and locate them on map of United States and of Puerto Rico (pp. 39-82.)

Leader: March winds may blow and chill our hearts, but we are warmed and gladdened when we read of such growth as we have at Brooks House, in Hammond, Indiana.

3rd Woman: Brooks House. (*p. 46, first and last paragraphs of report.*)

Leader: April and Showers.

4th Woman: There are periods when the clouds gather, and we feel the approaching storms. With decreased budget, we had to cut down expenses in every field, and so our Christian centers suffered. Missionaries had to be recalled, often leaving but one worker on the field, when there was urgent need for many more. These are our April storms: decreased budgets; recalling of missionaries; and closing of centers. What are we planning to do? Christian people have no right to avoid such problems; these questions *must* be answered.

Leader: May brings flowers of joy. Let us hear about Bethel Neighborhood House in Kansas City, Kansas. It will tell the story of what others think of these fine centers of ours.

5th Woman: Bethel Neighborhood House. (p. 46, *last 4 paragraphs.*)

Leader: June is garden time at Katherine House in East Chicago, Indiana, where many contacts have been made by ministering to the physical needs of the people.

6th Woman: Katherine House. (p. 53, "For several years." . . . *continue to end.*)

Leader: July and August! Who doesn't love vacation time? Our centers are alive with activities during these hot months, for that is the time for vacation Bible schools. We shall hear from the Fellowship Center in Chelsea, Mass., and find out how the children love to read the Bible stories.

7th Woman: At the library shelves, one day last summer, boys were looking for a certain book, and seemed not inclined to take another. "Miss Bistor, have you only one 'God Book'?" When I admitted the fact, they urged me to secure more of them (meaning Bible story books). I said, "They cost a great deal, if I buy good ones." "Get only *one* at a time, whenever you can, and we'll take good care of it," they said. We did receive a few last summer, which made our boys happy.

Leader: September and October—harvest time, and what rich harvests are reaped from the centers. Here are some results of the work.

8th Woman: The Baptist Community House in Dayton, Ohio, with a weekly attendance of 650, 3 salaried workers, and 10 volunteers, tells this story (p. 43, *beginning*, "One of the recent developments" . . . *continue to end.*)

Leader: November. And now we are nearing the close of the year, and how much we have for which to be thankful. With such loyal missionaries ministering to the needs of their centers, and with brighter, richer, fuller days ahead, we bow before our Master and offer our prayer of thanksgiving. Let us hear from the Rankin Christian Center.

9th Woman: Rankin Christian Center is located in Rankin, Pa., a town of great steel mills. (*Last 3 paragraphs*, p. 55.)

Leader: December. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord." This beautiful old story is told to our friends in all of the centers, and how the people love it—just as you and I do. Let us hear about the Italian Christian Center in Camden, New Jersey.

10th Woman: For the fifth year the emphasis at the Christmas season has been on giving, not on getting. Five Sunday school girls made their decision at this time to give themselves to Christ. Here is a prayer one of these five little girls offered: "Dear Jesus, with all my heart, I want to give my heart to You; and Jesus, let me grow up and be a teacher and learn other boys and girls about You. There is something that is changing me. I want to be a teacher like our missionary. She made me learn about You. In Jesus name we ask Him. Amen."

Leader: Our birthday cake with sixty radiant candles would shine brightly if we could have the faith which that little child had, and pray the petition which she prayed. May we have the faith!

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be." (*Substitute OUR for MY throughout the hymn.*)

Closing Prayer by Leader: Almighty God, Ruler of all nations, we beseech thee to cleanse us from selfishness and grant us, for Thy love, so to love our brethren that we may be thy children here upon earth. Give us this spirit of service, that none may want. May we be better able to serve and love thee. Amen.



Nine Mission Schools

HARRIET W. PALMER

This is a program of impersonations. Urge all the speakers to enter into the spirit of the occasion and try to make their parts realistic. As each school is mentioned its position should be pointed out on an outline map of the United States and Latin America. Ask a W.W.G. girl to make this map.

Leader: (Reads Proverbs 2:1-9 and makes brief introductory remarks. The speakers are then introduced.)

Mather School—"The School That Stands on Barrels"

1. An elderly woman gives her "reminiscences" of the early days of Mather. (p. 136.)
2. A young girl, Negro if possible, representing a student, tells of the school today. (pp. 136-137.)

Storer College — On Historic Ground

Impersonation of President McDonald by an older man. (p. 137.)

Florida Normal and Collegiate Institute — On an Old Slave Plantation

1. Impersonation of Miss Sarah A. Blocker by an elderly Negro woman. (p. 134.)
2. If this is not possible, have a report of a supposed address by President Nathan W. Collier on the history of the school. (p. 134.)

Prayer for These Negro Schools.

Bacone College — "Of More than Nation-wide Influence"

Young man or woman in Indian costume, representing a student. (p. 131.)

Chinese Baptist Mission School — "In the Heart of Chinatown"

Young student in Chinese costume, either boy or girl; or impersonation of Miss Martha J. Ames by an older woman. (p. 133.)

Prayer for These Two Schools

Spanish-Speaking Schools — In Latin America

1. Account by a young woman of a supposed visit to these schools during a "Colegio Cruise." (p. 138.)
2. With her has come Miss Ruth Carr, a teacher at Santa Ana, who tells the story of Noè Arrazate. (p. 143.)

Prayer for This Work in Latin America

Suggested Hymns: "Strong Son of God, Immortal Love"; "Lord of All Being, Throned Afar"; "Break Thou the Bread of Life."

NOTE: For additional material consult your file of "Missions", and see the following leaflets: "From Cabin to College"; "Colegio Bautista."

Walking with Him

A PROGRAM ON CHRISTIAN FRIENDLINESS

MARY MARTIN KINNEY

Suggestions: It is hoped that the Christian Friendliness volunteers and prayer partners of your church will be guests of honor when this program is presented. A special bookmark for each volunteer and prayer partner may be secured from the Christian Friendliness office at 2969 Vernon Avenue, Chicago, Ill. (*Please be sure to give exact number desired, when ordering.*)

Copies of the opening scripture reading and of the paragraphs of the dedication at the end should be in the hands of the audience so that all may take part.

The verses of the hymn may be sung by a soloist or by the whole group.

All stories are taken from the Christian Friendliness section of the 1936-1937 "FROM OCEAN TO OCEAN." It is hoped that the leader and as many others as possible will read all of the letters so that the parts most appropriate for your particular meeting may be chosen, rather than depending solely upon the paragraphs listed.

Pianist (*plays softly*): "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Responsive Reading (*Moffatt translation*)

Leader: We work together in God's service. (I Cor. 3:9.)

All: While daylight lasts, we must be busy with the work of Him who sent us: night comes, when no one can do any work. (John 9:4.)

Leader: God is love. (I John 4:16.)

All: This is how we may be sure we remain in him and he in us, because he has given us a share in his own Spirit. (I John 4:13.)

Hymn (*first verse*): "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Introduce the Work of the Department by a general statement using facts from the opening letter by Mrs. Kinney. It may be of interest to tell that the Department began its work under the name of Christian Americanization. After sixteen years of experience the Department felt that it must enlarge its activity to meet more of the need of the second and third generation, American citizens by birth. It therefore seemed appropriate to change the name to DEPARTMENT of CHRISTIAN FRIENDLINESS with this explanatory phrase, FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, ACTIVE GOOD-WILL, and CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AMONG INDIVIDUALS and GROUPS of ALL NATIONAL BACKGROUNDS.

Hymn (*second verse*): "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Present Stories illustrative of work with individuals, particularly those which show the overcoming of suspicion ("slow of heart"):

1. A girl who needed glasses. (p. 23.)
2. "We felt they did not want us." (p. 27.)

Those showing people helped in difficulty:

1. Hospital, court, dance hall. (p. 26.)
2. Mrs. J. serves. (p. 30.)

Those showing individuals won to Christ ("homeward way"):

1. Young people of different nationalities active in S. S. and church. (p. 25.)
2. Mrs. L. and Mrs. S. (p. 25.)
3. A Chinese woman recently a Christian. (p. 36.)

Hymn (*third verse*): "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Present Stories illustrative of work with groups, stories that show "triumphs" in appreciation and fellowship:

1. Party for Armenian and Greek friends. (p. 28.)
2. Churches of Boston East Association. (p. 22.)
3. Hellenic-American and Japanese-American clubs. (p. 23.)

Hymn (*fourth verse*): "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Quote Paragraphs showing aims of the Department, and hope expressed for further results from the work of the volunteers:

1. The whole membership of the church. (p. 29.)
2. Understanding between parents and young people. (p. 31.)
3. Friendliness is contagious. (p. 32.)
4. Slovak neighbors. (p. 32.)
5. Chairman who lives "Love thy neighbor." (p. 34.)
6. A chance to serve. (p. 35.)

Solo: "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"

(During the solo, volunteers and prayer partners are asked to come to the front and remain there during the dedication service.)

DEDICATION

Leader: We earnestly desire to show through unselfish service that we are followers of Him to whom all men and women of our community are dear.

All: Let us not forget that people in this city suffer because of prejudice toward the foreign born.

Leader: We should remember the difficulty of the adjustments which the children of the foreign born face.

Volunteers: We have become acquainted with some of these neighbors having special need. We are seeking with them to find right solutions for their problems and possible ways to change the causes of these problems.

Prayer Partners: For these volunteers and the homes into which they go we offer daily prayer. We are conscious how great is our responsibility to help the volunteers keep their ministry true to the spirit of Jesus Christ.

Leader: Let us pray in closing (*all in unison*):

Our Father, truly we desire to "walk with Thee." Forgive us for the times we have failed to do so, for the times we have offered service to our neighbors carelessly or grudgingly. May we never again be content to give to others less than our best of patience and courage and faith. Bless the Christian Friendliness volunteers and prayer partners everywhere, that they and we may more truly honor Thee. Amen.

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